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Gasoline Consumption Declines, Diesel Consumption Up in First Quarter 2013

Sacramento – California’s gasoline consumption declined 1.5 percent, while diesel consumption increased 3.8 percent in the first quarter of 2013, according to fuel tax data released Betty T. Yee, First District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

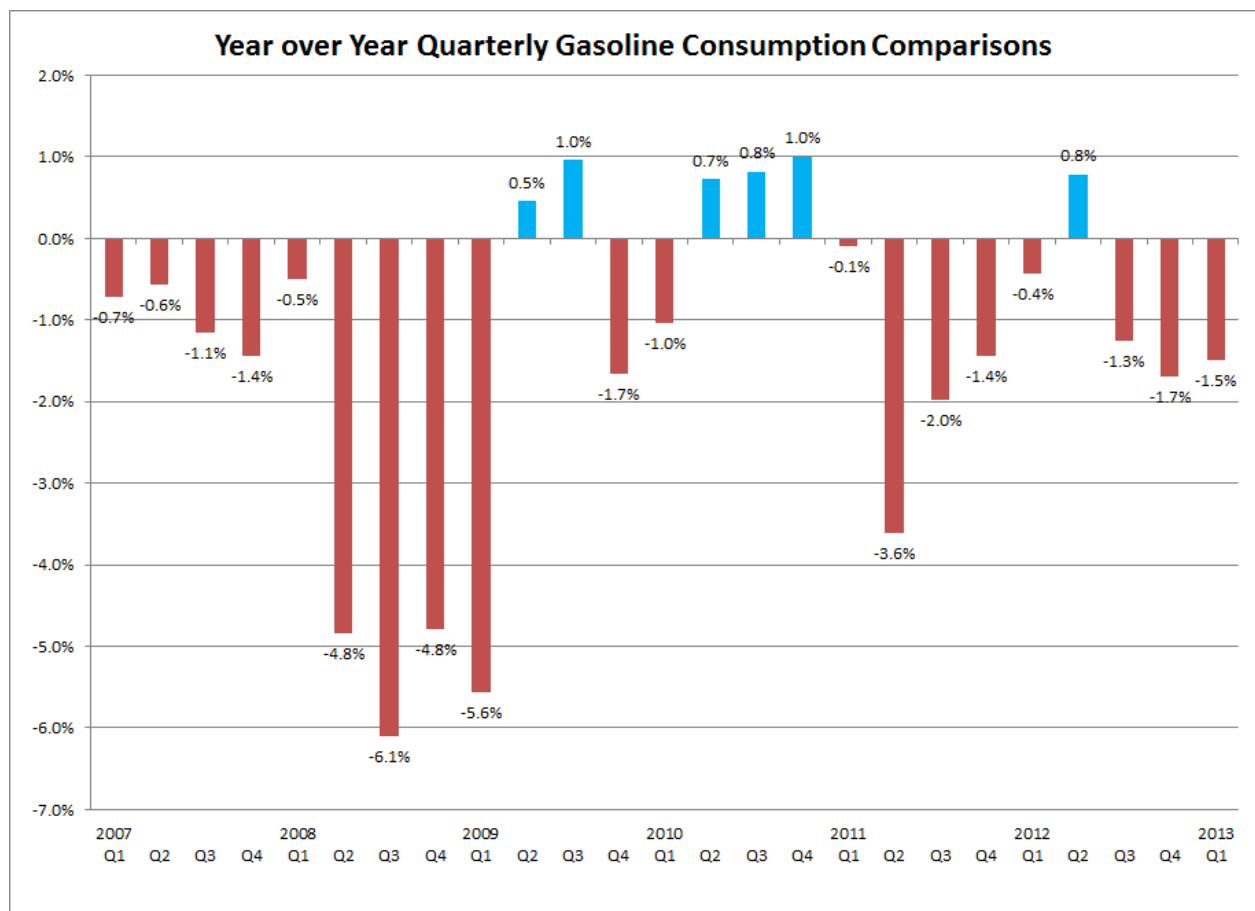
“Even with modest price declines, California families continue to find ways to reduce their gasoline consumption, benefitting family budgets, as well as our environment and economy,” said Ms. Yee.

The BOE’s [gasoline fuel tax](#) report shows Californians consumed 3.50 billion gallons of gasoline in the first quarter of 2013, a 1.5 percent decline from the 3.56 billion gallons consumed during the first quarter of 2012. In California, the average price of gasoline in the first quarter of 2013 was \$4.00 per gallon, which is a six cent decrease over the average price of \$4.06 per gallon in the first quarter of 2012. Nationally, the average price of gasoline during the first quarter of 2013 was \$3.64, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#) (EIA). BOE estimates statewide gasoline tax-related revenues for the first quarter of 2013 are \$424 million in sales taxes and \$1.261 billion in excise taxes in California.

California’s [diesel fuel consumption](#) increased 3.8 percent in the first quarter of 2013 to 619 million gallons, compared to 597 million gallons in the first quarter of 2012. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the first quarter of 2013 was \$4.22 per gallon, which is a decrease of six cents over the average price of \$4.28 in the first quarter of 2012. Nationally, the average price of diesel fuel in the first quarter of 2013 was \$4.03 according to the EIA. BOE estimates statewide diesel fuel tax-related revenues for the first quarter of 2013 are \$235 million in sales taxes and \$77 million in excise tax in California.

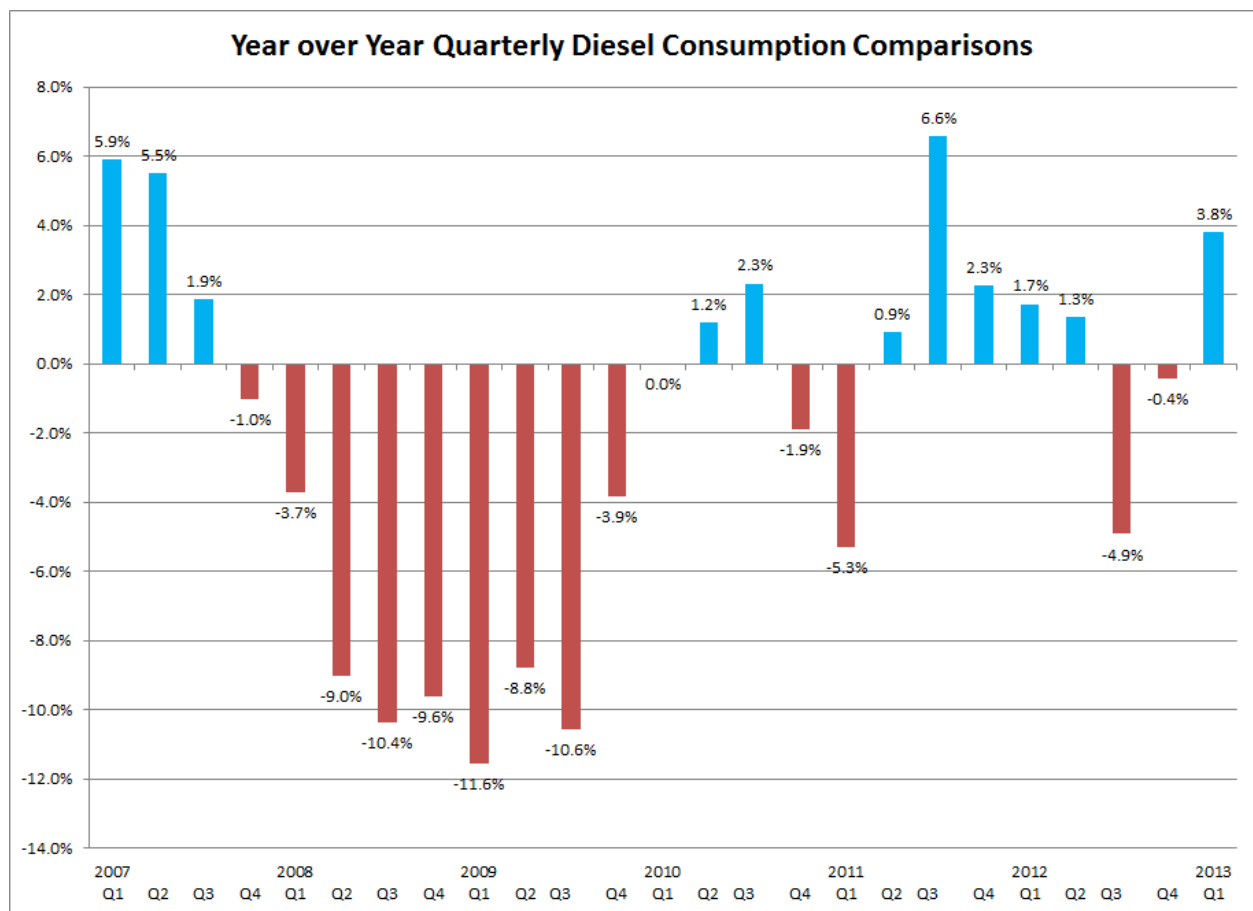
Editor’s Note: Please see charts below comparing year-over-year quarterly gasoline and diesel consumption.





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State Taxable Gasoline Gallons Report: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF_10_Year_Report.pdf

State Taxable Diesel Gallons Report: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/Diesel_10_Year_Report.pdf

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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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